

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting

October 18, 2016

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City School District met in a Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 440 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Heather Bennett, Vice President Tiffany Sandberg, J. Michael Clára, Rosemary Emery, Melissa Ford, Katherine Kennedy, Kristi Swett, and Omyya Min, Student Member.

Also Present: Superintendent Alexa Cunningham; Janet Roberts, Business Administrator; Kristina Kindl, Director of Policy and Legal Services; Mozelle Orton, Executive Director of Human Resource Services; Brian Conley, Chief School Improvement Officer; Barbara Kuehl, Chief Academic Officer; Larry Madden, Chief Operations Officer; Michael Williams, Director of Development and External Relations; Sam Quantz, Director of Information Systems; School Leadership Support Directors Rebecca Pittam and Julie Atwood, Director for Educational Technology; Shelley Halverson, Director of Special Education and representing the Salt Lake Association of School Administrators; Ana Park, representing the Salt Lake Education Association; Janet Clark, representing the Child Nutrition Employees Association; Cindy Mills, representing the Salt Lake Educational Office Personnel Association; Rickie McCandless, representing the Salt Lake City Mayor's Office; Jason Stevenson, Board Candidate Precinct #5; Jason Olsen, Public Information Officer; Liz Baldwin, Business Administration Office; and others in the audience.

In accordance with the agenda prepared for the Board Meeting of October 18, 2016, one motion was made. Items are reported as listed in the agenda and not necessarily in the order they were considered.

The meeting was called to order by President Bennett, who presided.

1. BOARD CONVENES

- General pronouncements

2. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Litigation, Negotiations, and/or Property

There was no Closed Executive Session for Litigation, Negotiations, and/or Property.

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B. Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual and/or Deployment of Security Personnel, Devices, or Systems

There was no Closed Executive Session for Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual.

3. BOARD STUDY SESSION

President Bennett welcomed everyone in the audience. She recognized the presence of Ana Park, representing the Salt Lake Education Association; Cindi Mills, representing the Salt Lake Educational Office Personnel Association; and Janet Clark, representing the Child Nutrition Employees Association.

Sam Quantz, Director of Information Systems, led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

*(1) A motion was made that the board approve the one item included in the Consent Agenda. This item is listed below.

**(Sandberg and Swett)

1. The Purchasing Report dated October 18, 2016, included a breakdown of items costing over and under \$50,000, and increases to existing purchase orders.

B. REQUEST TO SPEAK

1. Stanley Ellington addressed the board to read a statement regarding an employee of the Salt Lake City School District.
2. Ronald Coleman addressed the board regarding an employee of the Salt Lake City School District and the process of a closed Board meeting.
3. Joshua Alvarez addressed the board to find out who he could speak with to have his questions answered regarding Horizonte.

President Bennett asked Superintendent Cunningham to provide Mr. Alvarez with information on who can help him get his questions answered.

C. STUDY TOPICS

VOTE RECORD	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
BENNETT	X		
CLÁRA	X		
EMERY	X		
FORD	X		
KENNEDY	X		
SANDBERG	X		
SWETT	X		
A Absent	Ab Abstention	F Failed	
N "No" Vote	NA No Action	T Tabled	
W Withdrawn	*Unanimous Approval		
**Members Making Motion			

1. Fall Enrollment. Sam Quantz addressed the board regarding the student enrollment numbers for the district. He provided the board with a spreadsheet of student distribution by school and area. This spreadsheet has been added to the official minutes. He noted that elementary school enrollment is down about 500 students this year. He said this is the result of new charter schools opening on the west side of the city. He said middle school enrollment has stayed the same, and high school enrollments have slightly increased. Mr. Quantz answered questions from the board regarding the information provided on the spreadsheet in his report.
2. 2015-2016 Student Improvement Plan Outcomes and 2016-2017 Plan Adjustments. Brian Conley introduced his School Leadership Support Team including: Larry Madden, Julie Atwood, and Rebecca Pittam. Mr. Conley went over how board members access and read the data given to them. He said some schools performed better than expected, and other schools had to adjust their plans in order to meet their goals. He said the purpose of the plans is to help the district and schools meet performance goals. Mr. Conley said the plans help initiate helpful conversations when school support personnel visit schools. He said he wants each school to focus on change, and to make plans that will help them be successful. Mr. Conley and his team answered questions from the board.

D. ACTION AGENDA

There were no items on the Action Agenda

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Miscellaneous Updates:

Dr. Cunningham thanked the Human Resource Department and members of SLEA for the work they have done to improve employee training.

Dr. Cunningham noted schools would be closed Thursday, October 20th, and Friday, October 21st for UEA.

2. Other Reports.

Ms. Emery said she had questions about each school's emergency plan. She wanted to know the process for creating school emergency plans, and if each school has the same template for creating these plans. Ms. Emery also discussed making sure each after school program knows and follows procedures when someone comes to pick up a child.

Ms. Kennedy said that Washington Elementary had a great idea to combine their School Community Council and PTA meetings in order to get more participation for both programs. She also said the West High School Community Council has created a family center at the school. This space has computers and information for parents. The grand opening will be November 7th.

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Ms. Swett said she met with the School Community Council at Hillside Middle School. They discussed the possibility of an inclusive playground for Special Education students. She said the community was excited to look at the equipment included on the playground. She also spoke with the counselors at Hillside regarding their Youth Suicide Program. At a future board meeting she would like to have the board look at each school's plan and how the services are dispersed between schools. She concluded by thanking the Superintendent for providing 4 hours of compensation for teacher training.

Mr. Clára would like to review gang intervention programs in each school. He feels that gangs are a big issue in the community, and he would like gang intervention specialists added at each school. Dr. Cunningham said she would arrange for someone to come in and speak to the board about gang intervention. Mr. Clára distributed a handout to the board about the Horizonte College Advisor. This handout has been added as an addition to the official minutes.

Ms. Ford said she has spent a lot of time in the schools and is seeing good things happening. She stated a lot of parents are asking to help in the schools and she would like to have more options for these parents.

President Bennett wanted to evaluate the training received by the district to make sure it is consistent and accurate.

Ms. Min said West High School will be on FOX 13 news on November 2nd to promote their Career Week.

Rickie McCandless, representing the mayor's office said she will meet with the mayor's representative next week. She said if the board has anything they would like brought to the Mayor's attention, to make sure to contact her before Thursday.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Janet M. Roberts
Business Administrator

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Addition to the Minutes of the Board Meeting 10/18/2016

OFFICIAL EXHIBITS OF BOARD MEETING

Official exhibits provided to the board and made available to the public as part of the meeting agenda can be found [here](#).

ADDITION TO THE MINUTES

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The following information was distributed in the public meeting of the board, and has been included in the minutes at the request of the board member(s):

Student Distribution by School and Area October 1, 2016
Horizonte College Advisor Handout

[Agenda Item C1a](#)
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